

Juche Philosophy

A short study guide

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" Study the Juche idea, it will cost you nothing but pay in plenty "
(Dr Vishwanath, director of the International Institute of the Juche Idea)

INTRODUCTION FROM THE AUTHOR

A short guide to the basic characteristics of the Juche philosophy - is the purpose of writing this work. A strict and complementary synthesis of the thoughts and ideas of Kim Il -Sung, creating a coherent system of Juche values, a transparent and clear way of showing the guiding principles of Juche philosophy - is what I wanted to achieve in this work. The idea of Juche helps in the development of man as a rational and conscious creature creating social relations, studying Juche philosophy and examples from DPRK history, how the Korean nation follows these principles in its daily strategy and socio-political life - becomes a more conscious and committed creator of its life .

The stubbornness and perseverance of the Korean people, fortitude of unbending will are an example - Juche ideas are taught in everyday life. It also helps in the personal development of any true revolutionary and ideological communist. Just as the great and proud Korean nation never surrendered to the Japanese ransom, never agreed to submission and the imposition of foreign patterns, and especially to being subject to the US's Western imperialist hegemony in the world, because strong and ideologically strengthened by the Juche philosophy, that is we also get strength and energy from this wonderful and revolutionary philosophy to fight in our everyday life. To „ illuminate “ each day the „ light “ of the revolutionary wisdom of the Korean people masses, with their practice and fortitude, by force in their pursuit of ever new heights of goals on their unique path of socialist building development in DPRK.

As there have recently been many doubts as to whether the idea of Juche is contrary to the ideology of Marxism - Leninism, what is in common and what is different - I decided to explain it also in this guide.

I would like to say thanks to an expert on North Korean culture, the honorary president of our Society - Korean Friendship Association in the UK, Dr. Dermot Hudson, for his inspiration in the form of his book - „ Korea of Juche “ and reviewing and checking this work. In creating this short Juche philosophy guide, I used materials from Dr. Dermot Hudson book - " Korea of Juche " - which inspired me as I wrote above, information from the article by Kim Jong Il - „The Juche Philosophy is an Original Revolutionary Philosophy“, J. V. Stalin - „The foundations of Leninism“ also online encyclopedia Wikipedia, and from the monthly magazine „ Korea Today “ (number 9 2020). A document of particular importance and value for this work is the article by Kim Jong Il : „ On the Juche idea “ - Treatise Sent to the National Seminar on the Juche Idea Held to Mark the 70th Birthday of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung March 31, 1982. I have decided to place the link to the full article in order to better explain the foundations and principles of the Juche philosophy.

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1. THE CREATION OF JUCHE PHILOSOPHY



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Marx - Engels

(1818 - 1883)
(1820 - 1895)

The historic mission of the working class Theoretical and scientific foundations of the communist idea "Communist Manifesto" (1848)

Lenin

(1870 - 1924)

The struggle of the working class from capitalism to socialism. Practical implementation of the teachings of Marx and Engels "October Revolution " (1917)

Kim Il Sung

(1912 - 1994 r)

Juche idea first outlined in Kalum meeting of young Korean revolutionaries in June 1930 in historic speech: 'The Path of the Korean Revolution '

Analysis of the principles and philosophy of Marxist-Leninist theory, practical experiences of the October Revolution and other socialist revolutions of the world. Analysis and basis of the Korean situation for a new philosophy corresponding to the needs of the DPRK's revolution and to build up socialist construction of the state.

KEY POINT

Marx adopted Engels's idea that the working class would lead the revolution against the bourgeoisie as society advanced toward socialism, and incorporated this as part of his own philosophy.
(Wikipedia)

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Lenin, indeed, applied Marxism to Russian conditions, and applied it in a masterly way. But if Leninism were only the application of Marxism to the conditions that are peculiar to Russia it would be a purely national and only a national, a purely Russian and only a Russian, phenomenon. We know, however, that Leninism is not merely a Russian, but an international phenomenon rooted in the whole of international development.
(J.V. Stalin)

KEY POINT

The basis of practical experience and the results of the revolutionary struggle, Kim Il Sung created the philosophy of Juche, the foundation of which is revolutionary practice.
A revolution should be made not on the basis of someone else's sanctions or guidelines, but guided by one's own conviction with a sense of responsibility that all problems arising in the course of its realization of the revolution should be solved in an independent and creative way.
The process of the revolution in the DPRK urgently required the masses of the people to pave the way for the revolution in an independent and creative manner. Juche ideas arose on the basis of these requirements and practices of the Korean Revolution. Revolution is a struggle for the realization by the masses of their needs for independence, a struggle for their own liberation. The masses of the people will win the revolution only if they arm themselves with revolutionary ideas and unite as an organized political force. It is the duty of a revolutionist to enter the masses of the people implementing the revolution, to educate them and organize them. The masses of the people are the hosts of the revolution, and for their victory they must be educated, organized and mobilized.

MARXISM - LENINISM IDEOLOGY

class struggle theory
liberation of working class - revolution
socialist internationalism
socialism construction of state
achieve communism
overcoming capitalism
defeating counter - revolution

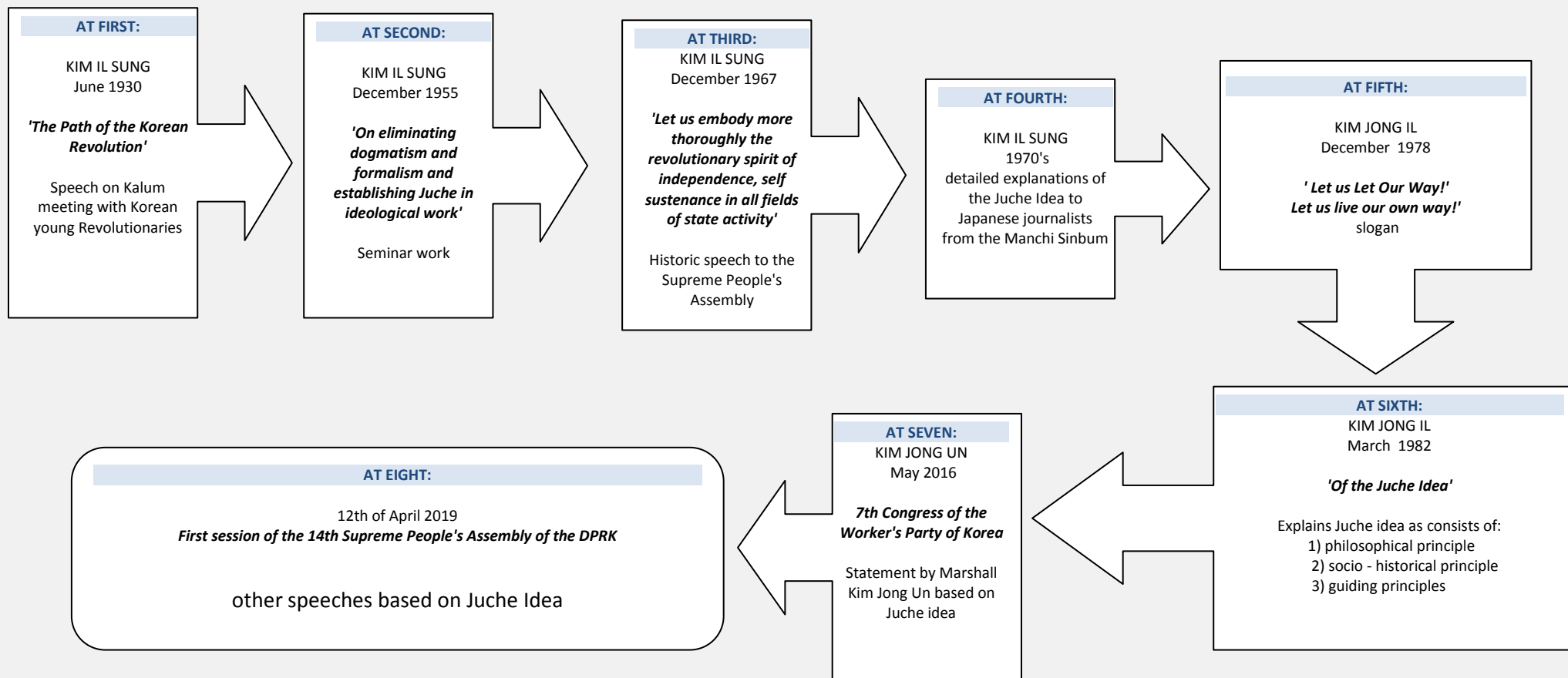
interactions

JUCHE PHILOSOPHY

(JU - 'master' CHE - 'one's self')

Man is the master who controls the whole process of transforming the world and society
Implies a man, the popular masse with independence, creativity and consciousness

1.1. HISTORY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUCHE PHILOSOPHY

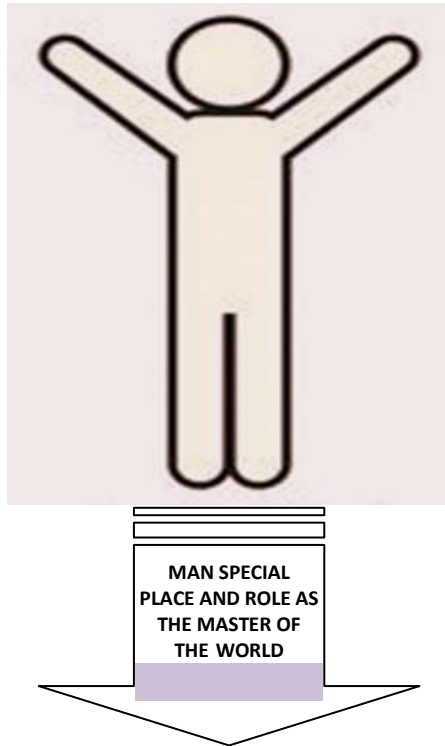


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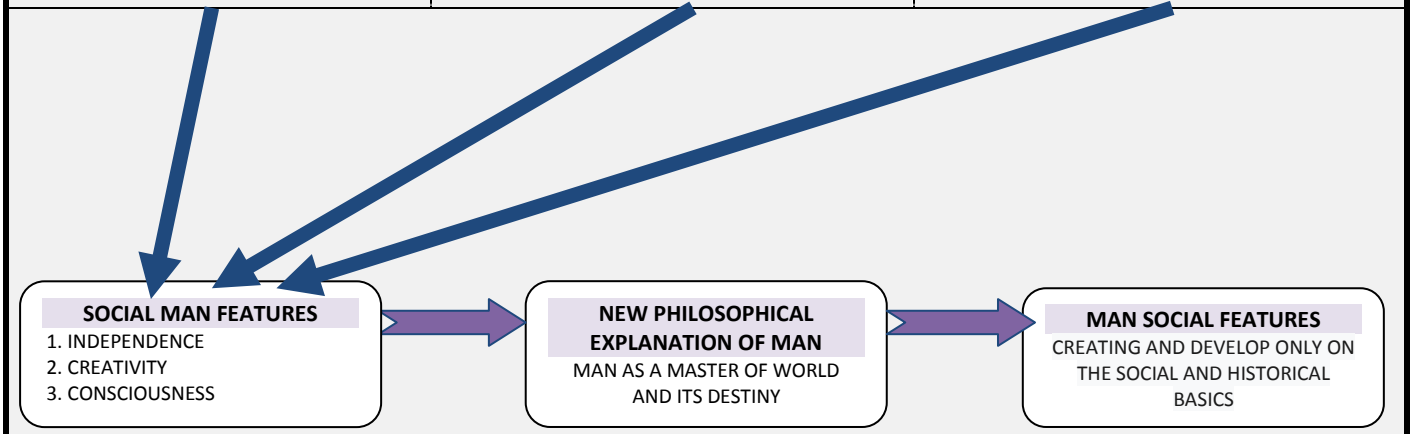
MAN



CONTINUATION EXISTENCE AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGH KNOWING AND TRANSFORMING THE WORLD GIVING SERVICE TO ITSELVES
THE DECISIVE ROLE OF HUMAN IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD AND THE RESOLUTION OF DESTINY

HUMAN FEATURES AS A SOCIAL MAN

1. INDEPENDENCE	2. CREATIVITY	3. CONSCIOUSNESS
Man is an independent social being as a social man. Independence is one of the foremost features of man, one of the attributes of a man who lives independently as the master of the world and his destiny. Since man has these qualities, by the handcuffs of nature opposes all forms of social enslavement and puts everything at his service. Based on: Korea Today monthly journal , number 9 - 2020. Article: „ Basic human characteristics " of the series: "The Immortal Idea Juche" by Choe Sol Mi.	Man is a social being (social man), with creativity. Creativity is an attribute of a social being that transforms the world and deliberately shapes its destiny. Man transforms old things and thus transforms nature and society to be more useful and beneficial for themselves. With the development of society, science and technology, the creative abilities of man increase Based on: Korea Today monthly journal , number 9 - 2020. Article: „ Basic human characteristics " of the series: "The Immortal Idea Juche" by Choe Sol Mi.	Man is a social being (social man), with awareness. Consciousness is an attribute of the social being that determines all his efforts to understand and transform the world and himself. If a person is to live consciously, he must understand the world and the laws of its changes and development. Consciousness enables a person to think about the meaning of the matter, learn the method and apply it in practice. Consciousness also makes a person courageous, persistent and optimistic. Based on: Korea Today monthly journal , number 9 - 2020. Article: „ Basic human characteristics " of the series: "The Immortal Idea Juche" by Choe Sol Mi.



2.1. A WIDER EXPLANATION OF JUCHE IDEA

Similarities and differences between Marxism - Leninism and Juche philosophy

" ... Juche philosophy takes as its starting point the recognition of a dialectical-materialistic worldview. However, this does not mean that Juche philosophy simply inherited and developed a materialistic dialectic ... "

" ... Juche philosophy is a self-identity philosophy, it is a complex of developed and systematized its own, it's only own relevant statements. Its historical contribution to the development of philosophical thought is not in the development of Marxist dialectical materialism, BUT IN THE FOUNDATION OF NEW PHILOSOPHICAL PRINCIPLES WHERE THE FOCUS IS ON MAN ISSUES ... "

" ... Marxist philosophy, will apply the general irregularities, materialistic view of history... However, there are rules in the social movement that is peculiar only to this ... the social movement changes and develops according to its own regularities, unique to it... "

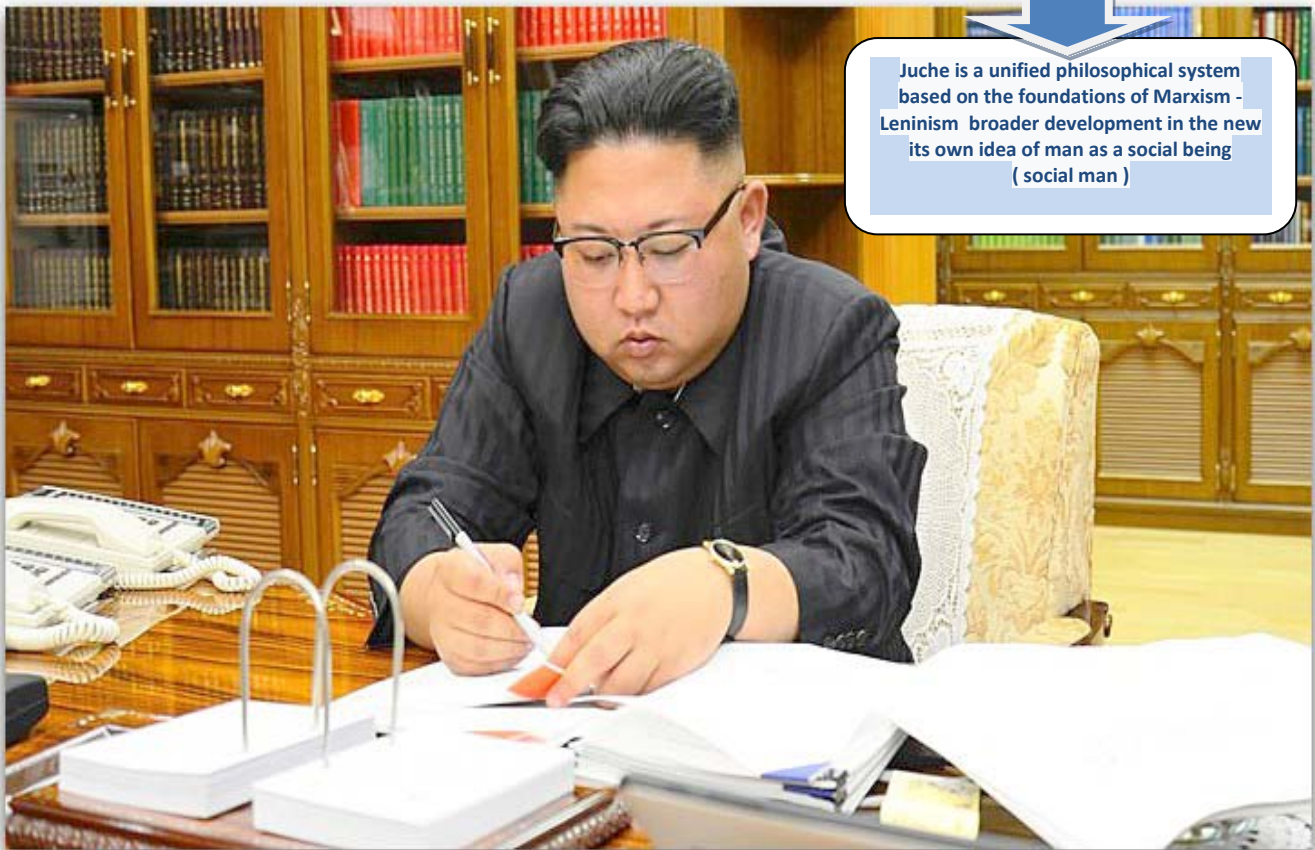
" ... Marxist philosophy defined the essence of man as the whole of social relations, but failed to provide a correct explanation of the special qualities that characterize man himself as a social being, social man... the fact that when considering the theses concerning the social movement, the previous Marxist theory took as the basis of the general regularities of the development of the material world - is explained precisely by the fact - that it was unable to explain the essential peculiarities of man as a member of society, Juche philosophy gives a wider explanation of the special characteristics of a man as a social being ... "

THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JUCHE PHILOSOPHY AND THE PREVIOUS PHILOSOPHY RESULTS IN THE FINAL VERDICT OF DIFFERENT VIEWS ON MAN

(Kim Jong Il - "The Juche Philosophy is an Original Revolutionary Philosophy")

Juche philosophy is not a simple development of the materialistic dialectic of Marxism on new foundations, it is an analysis Marxism - Leninism from the Workers Party of Korea's own position, and its interpretation created to Korean Peoples to build up socialist state . The Juche philosophy is not a simple developed and continue of Marxist - Leninism theory, but developed its own wider way, however bases on Marxist principles.

(The interpretation of author of this guide)

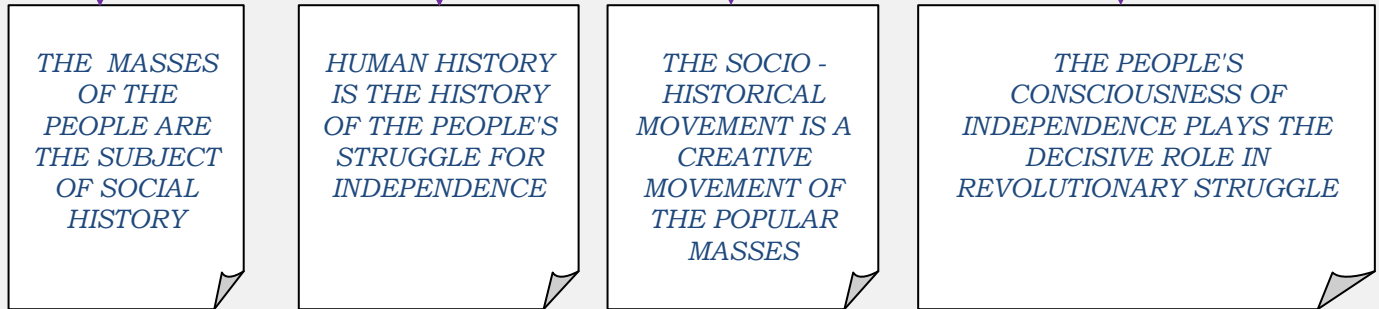


Juche is a unified philosophical system based on the foundations of Marxism - Leninism broader development in the new its own idea of man as a social being (social man)

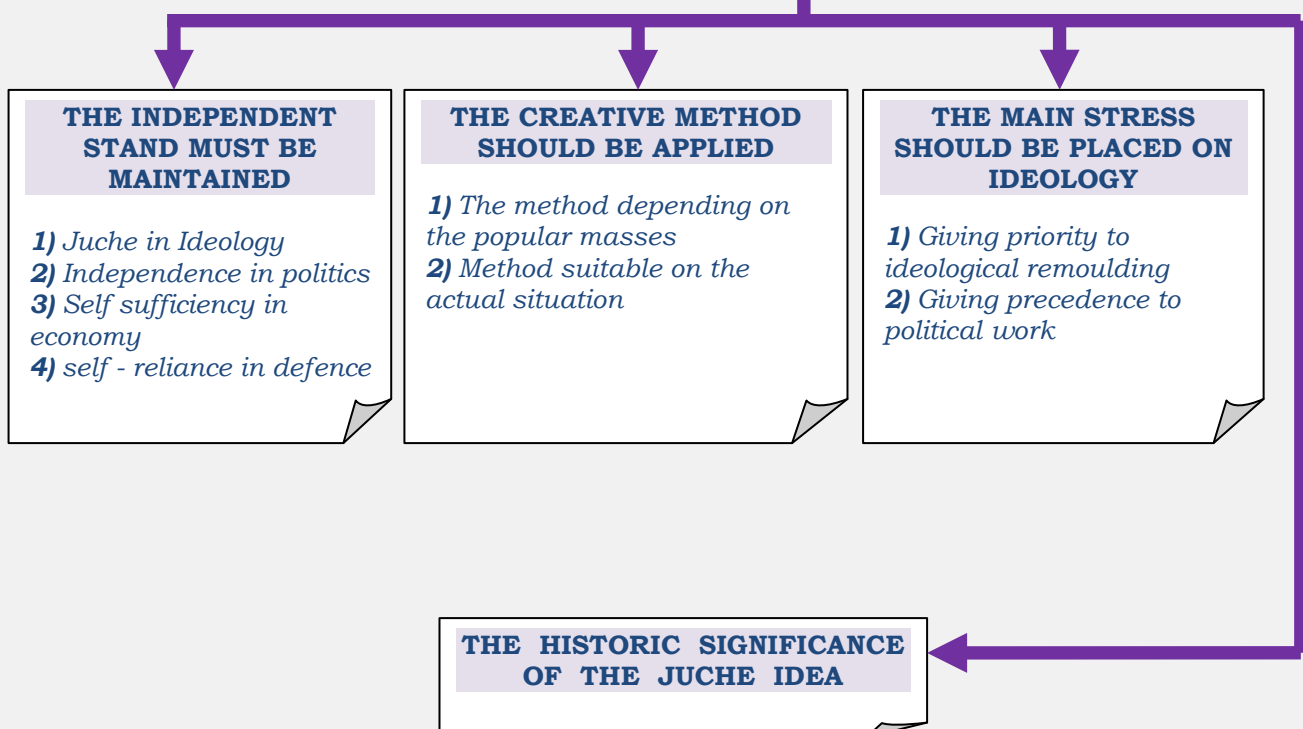
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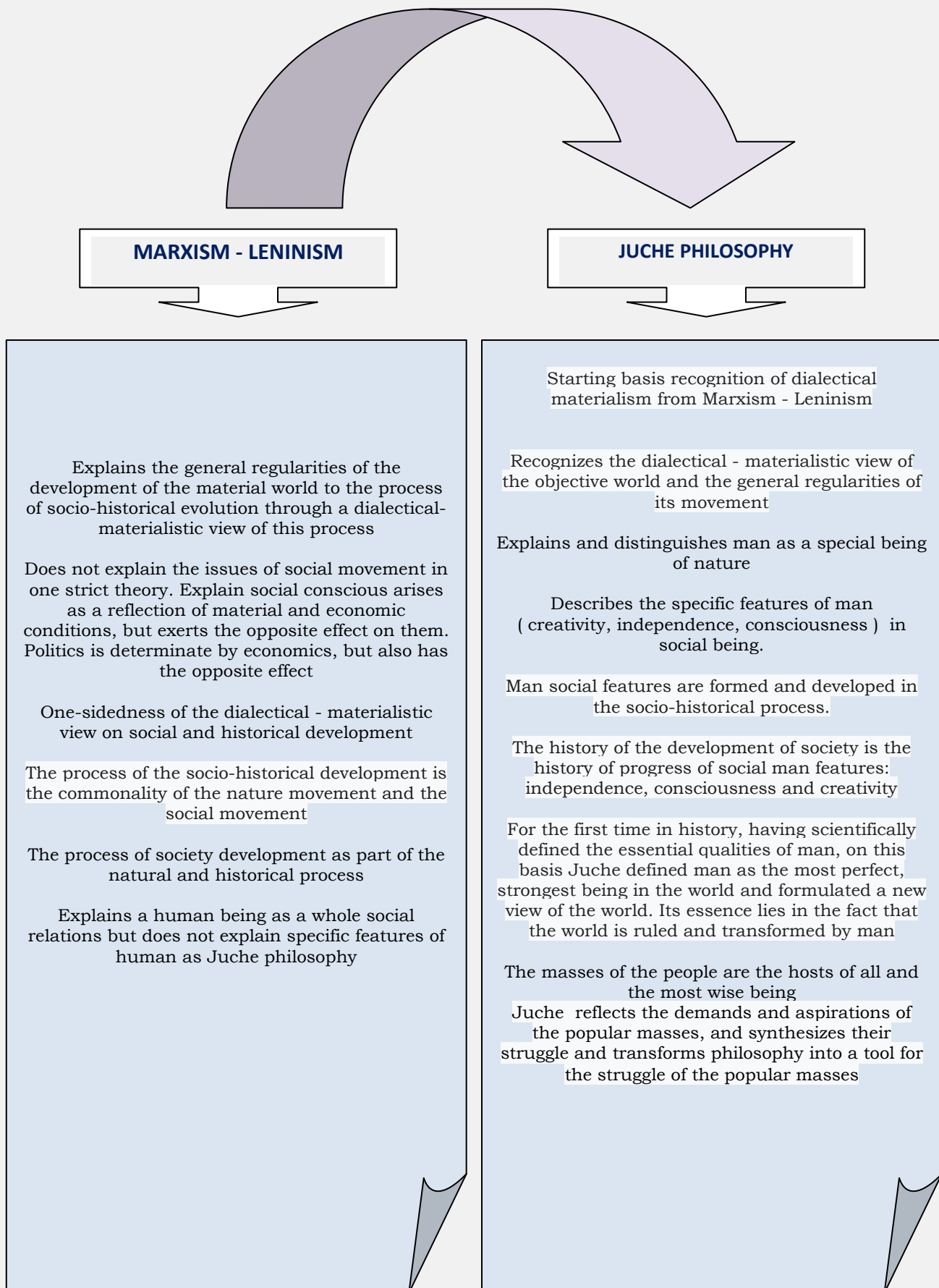
JUCHE VIEW OF SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT



THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE JUCHE IDEA



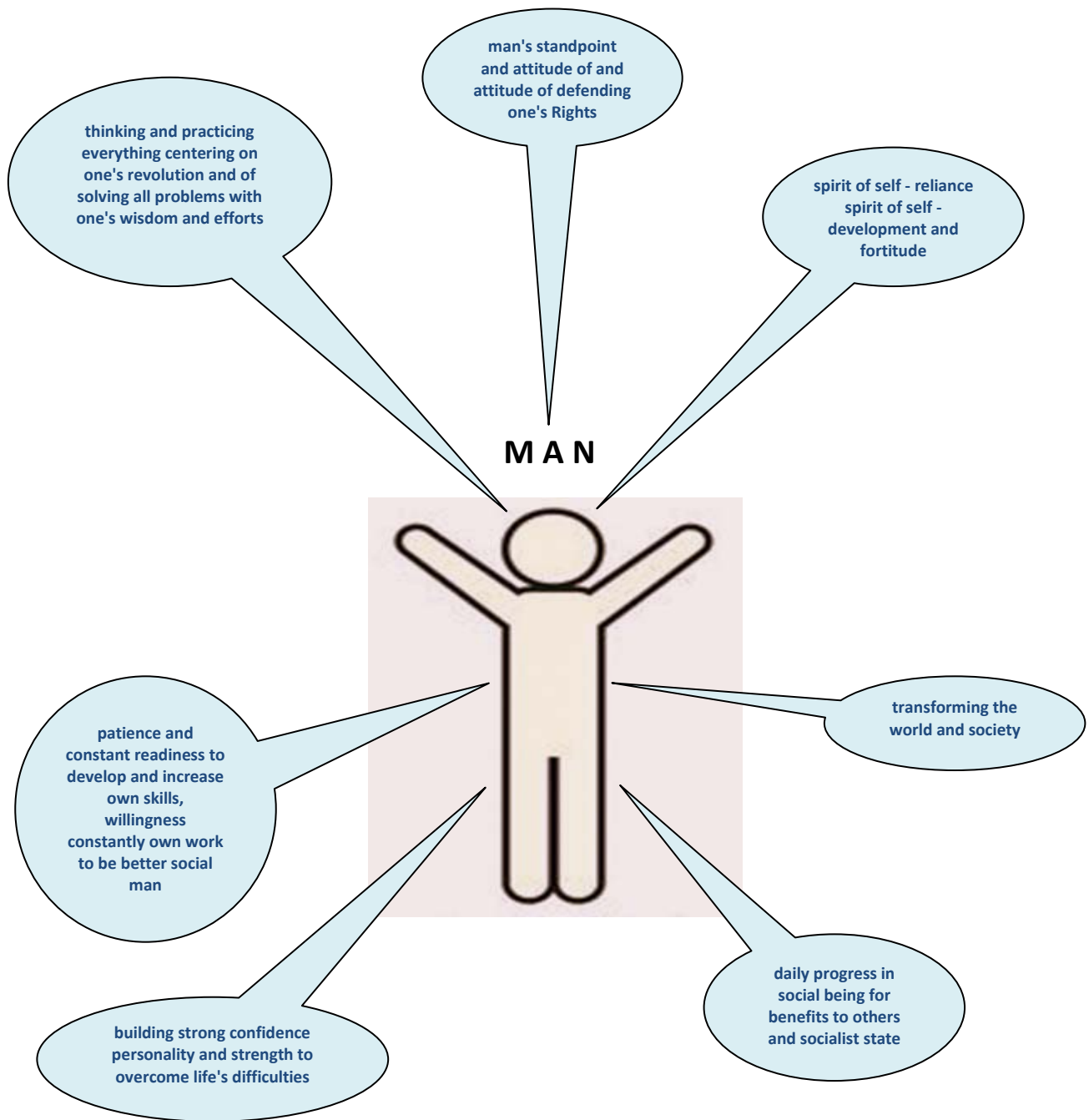
2.2. HIGHLIGHTING DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES OF JUCHE IDEA IN RELATIONS TO MARXISM - LENINISM IDEOLOGY



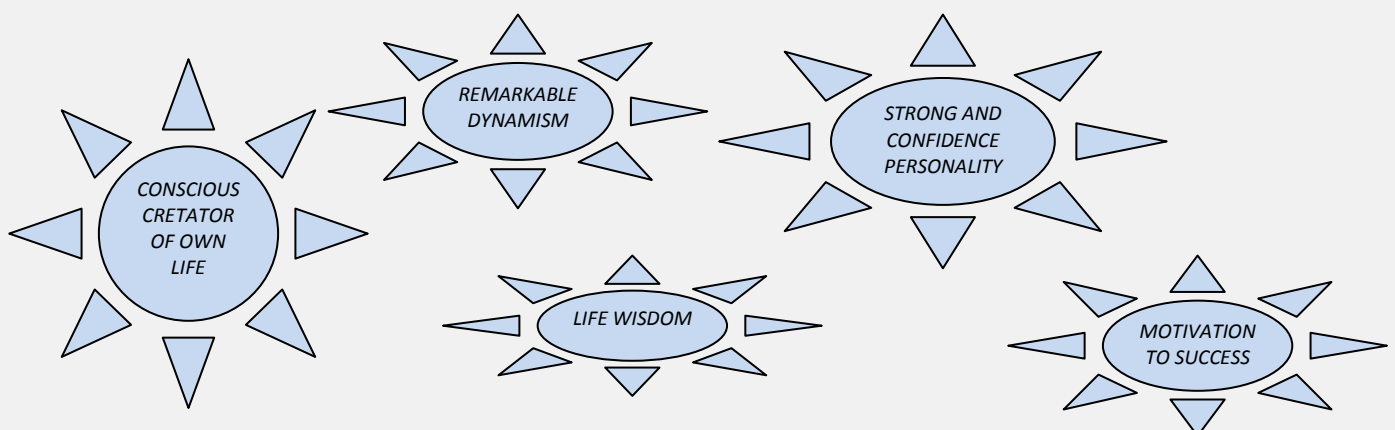
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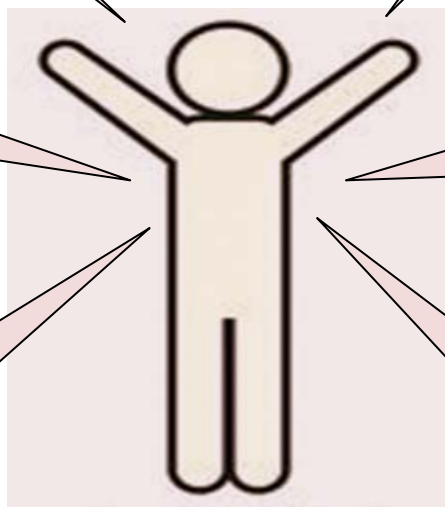


4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUCHE PHILOSOPHY IN THE LIFE OF SOCIAL MAN IN SOCIALIST'S STATE



4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUCHE IN THE LIFE OF SOCIAL MAN IN SOCIALIST STATE

SOCIAL MAN



happiness from life and creatively as member of socialist society

„ ... on the road of Juche I will be firm and steady ...
(Korea I will Add Glory to Thee - KIM IL SUNG)

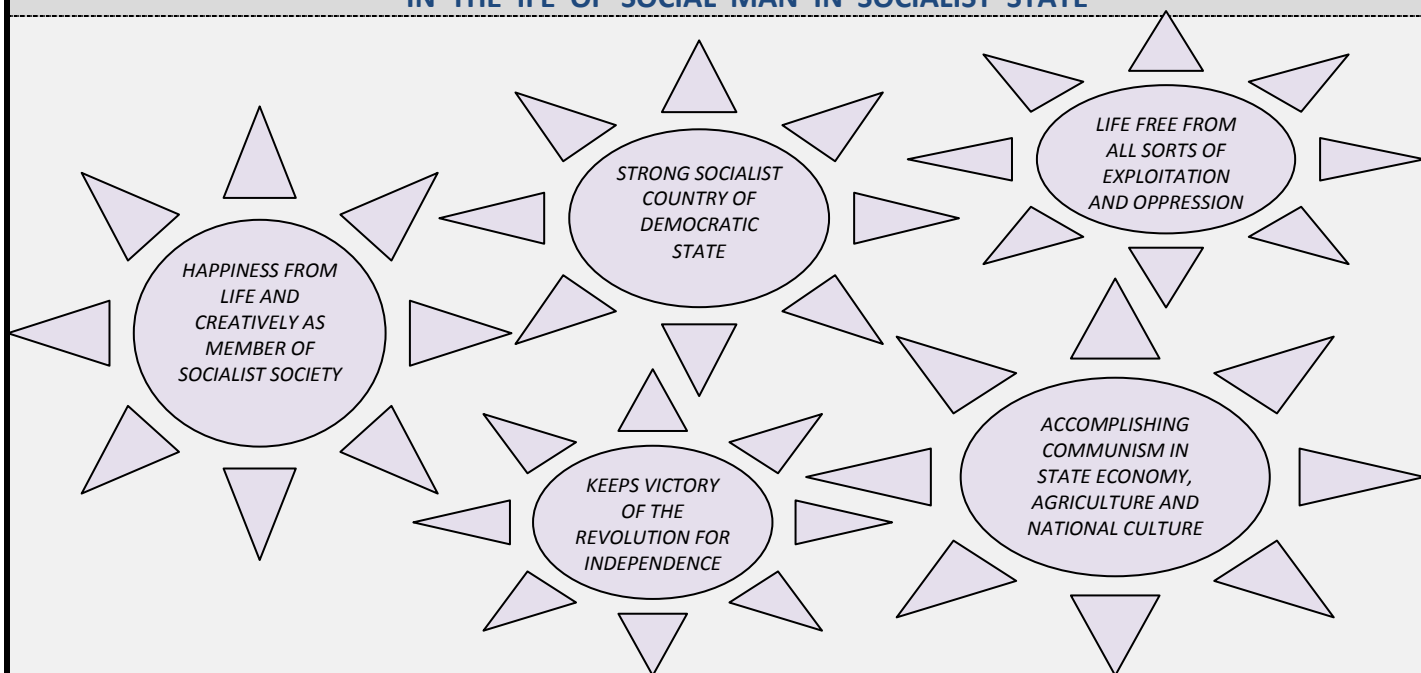
full play to the revolutionary spirit of self reliance and fortitude for build communism

awareness and fight to every symptoms of opportunists, counter - revolutionary, anti - party, factionalists, revisionists, flunkeyism

„ ... I will bring about the era of communism. When the red glow of Juche will cover the earth ...
(Korea I will Add Glory to Thee - KIM JONG IL)

always active among the masses of people and work together with Leaders to achieve the progress of socialist revolution

EXAMPLES OF ACHIEVINGS FROM IMPLEMENTATION JUCHE PHILOSOPHY IN THE LIFE OF SOCIAL MAN IN SOCIALIST STATE



5. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUCHE PHILOSOPHY IN THE DPRK'S POLITICS

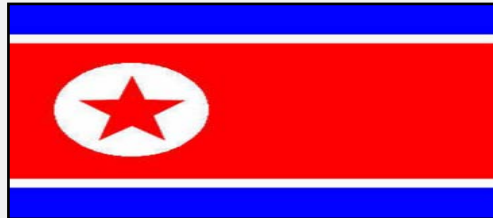


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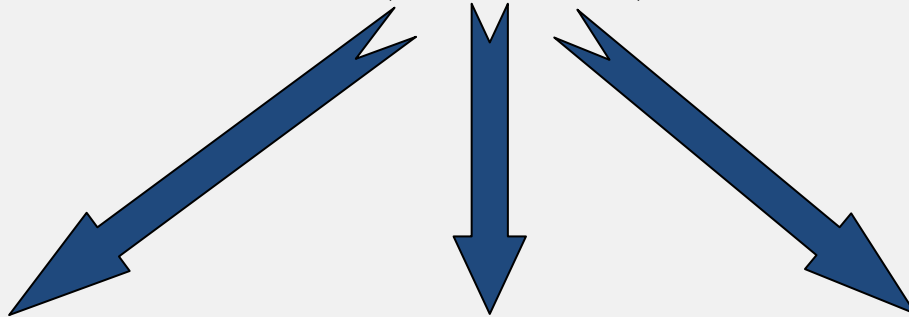


**Democratic People's
Republic Korea**

(founded 9th of September 1948 r)



**„Let Us let Our Way! ”
„Let Us live Our Way! ”
(KIM JONG IL 12.1978)**



1. SELF - RELIANCE

'Self - reliance is the only Way to Survive '
(Kim Jong IL)

striving for self-sufficiency in the economic
sphere

solving your internal problems only through
your government

prospering by its own efforts

rich material and cultural lives for the
people

2. INDEPENDENCE

country with undiluted sovereignty
self

does not have armed forces of any country
stationed on its territory

nation exercises its legitimate right to
political self determination for complete
independence

national economy as a solid foundation of
independence

3. SELF - DEFENSE

the ability to self-defense by a
strong army and modern
weapons

defensive power and national
military strategy

enables a state to carry out
construction peacefully

DPRK POLITICAL GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea was and is a state oriented towards Juche philosophy. A country that does not copy the rules and policies of other countries, but has created and maintains its own unique and independent model. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is guided in its policy by a revolutionary spirit of independence according to the principles of the Juche philosophy. DPRK is Juche - oriented Socialist State of single - hearted Unity, DPRK was founding from Anti - feudal, Anti - imperialist and Democratic Revolution.

6. INSTEAD OF CONCLUSION

' O Korea, I Will Add Glory to Thee '

(Korean National Song
Immortal Classic Masterpiece
written by Kim Jong Il
Biography, recited in 1960)

' As I stand on Ryongnam Hill at sunrise
the land of 3,000 ri greets my eyes,
Learning the Leader's great idea,
I will be the master of revolution in this land, Korea.

O Korea...
I will add glory to thee.

Under the guidance of the Great Leader,
I will be firm and steady on the road of Juche.
Braving the raging waves and storms,
I will lead Korea into the future.

O Korea...
I will add glory to thee,
I will make thee famous.
Ah... My Korea!
I will lead Korea into the future.

O Korea...
I will make thee famous.
The cause of the sun that shines over the whole world,
I will go on forever following it.

When the red glow of Juche will cover the earth,
I will bring about the era of communism!

O Korea...
My Korea!



' The Juche idea is exerting a great influence on the ideological life of humanity and on the revolutionary changes of the world. It is gaining strong sympathy from people all over the world and giving a powerful impetus to the contemporary historic movement which is aspiring to independence.

The Juche idea has become an accepted contemporary thought, and its attraction and importance in affecting changes increase with the progress of history '

(KIM JONG IL)

